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1. The new Commercial Representative of the Soviet Embassy in Athens, Nicholas Kusmetsov, who arrived in Athens on 7 March 1949 with his wife Lydia and his young daughter Dina*, has been installed in the building of the Soviet Commercial Delegation at 42 Academy Street. 25X1X6
2. Some time in April Kusmetsov invited to his office a certain Greek national who had formerly had commercial relations with the Soviets. During the interview, Kusmetsov complained that none of the Greek newspapers had reported his appointment as Soviet Commercial Representative in Athens, and that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had not made any communication whatsoever relative to his arrival. He also complained that not a single Greek merchant has visited his office, although he has been in Athens for more than a month.
3. Finally, Kusmetsov requested the Greek to submit to him offers of second- and third-grade tobacco in exchange for timber, adding that he was sent to Greece in order to purchase various products on a barter basis.

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